



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL LAURA J. KOCH



Colonel Laura J. Koch is the commander of the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. She is responsible to the commander of the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development for commissioning and training over 2,000 officers annually. OTS commissions line officers through its Basic Officer Training program and provides initial officership training for newly commissioned health professionals, staff judge advocates, and chaplains through its Commissioned Officer Training program.

Colonel Koch received her commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla., in April 1985. The colonel has commanded a reconnaissance squadron, held a variety of operational flying and staff assignments at the wing level and completed joint duty with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's E-3A Component. She is a command pilot and a navigator with more than 6,400 flying hours in various models of the C-

135 and E-3A aircraft. Prior to her current position, Colonel Koch was the deputy director of the Community Electronic Intelligence Management Office, Fort George G. Meade, Md.

EDUCATION:

- 1985 Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.
- 1989 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 1991 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1997 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 2002 Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk NAS, Va.
- 2007 Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1985-April 1986, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Advanced Navigation Training, Mather AFB, Calif.
2. April 1986-July 1986, KC-135 Navigator Student, KC-135 Combat Crew Training, Castle AFB, Calif.
3. July 1986-May 1989, EC-135C Navigator, 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. May 1989-June 1990, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
5. June 1990-November 1990, KC-135 Pilot Student, KC-135 Combat Crew Training, Castle AFB, Calif.
6. November 1990-April 1994, KC-135 Copilot, later Aircraft Commander and Assistant Flight Commander, 909th Air Refueling Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
7. April 1994-July 1994, Assistant Flight Commander and KC-135S Pilot, 24th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.

8. July 1994-December 1996, Assistant Flight Commander and Flight Commander, Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot, RC/WC/OC-135, 45th Reconnaissance Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
9. December 1996-February 1999, 55th Operations Group Stan/Eval Evaluator Pilot, later Deputy Chief, 55th Operations Group Stan/Eval, Offutt AFB, Neb.
10. February 1999-May 2002, Chief, Flying Squadron Three Flight Deck Branch and Senior USAF Representative, later Chief, NATO E-3A Component Stan/Eval Division, Geilenkirchen NATO AB, Germany
11. May 2002-May 2004, Director of Operations, 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
12. May 2004-June 2006, Commander, 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
13. July 2006-May 2007, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. June 2007-April 2008, Deputy Director, Community Electronic Intelligence Management Office, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
15. May 2008 – Present, Commander, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Ratings: Command Pilot, Navigator

Flight hours: 6,485

Combat hours: 60

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, KC-135A/R, RC-135S/V/W/U, TC-135S/W/B, OC-135B, WC-135W, E-3A, Boeing 707, T-43, and EC-135C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with eight oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with seven oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one bronze star

Kosovo Campaign Medal with two bronze stars

Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terror Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

NATO Medal – Kosovo

Kuwait Liberation Medal – Government of Kuwait

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant April 20, 1985

First Lieutenant May 9, 1987

Captain May 9, 1989

Major Dec. 1, 1996

Lieutenant Colonel Aug. 1, 2001

Colonel March 1, 2007

(Current as of Sept. 12, 2008)